



Rhode Island's 2015 Wildlife Action Plan

January 17TH, 2013

Scientific Review Workshop Agenda

University of Rhode Island (URI), Kingston Campus
3rd Floor, Galanti Lounge, URI Library

---Identifying Species of Greatest Conservation Need & Key Habitats in RI---

Purpose: To provide information on the Rhode Island (RI) Wildlife Action Plan (WAP) and solicit expert input on RI's Species of Greatest Conservation Need (SGCN) and Key Habitats.

MORNING

8:30-8:45 a.m. Arrivals and Informal Coffee/Refreshments

8:45-9:45 a.m. Workshop Introduction

Welcome and Introduction to RI's WAP

- Welcoming remarks

WAP Process and Plan

- Approach to RI WAP development and SGCN and Key Habitats (background, regional context)
- Review of Agenda, Workshop Goals, and Instructions

9:45–11:30 a.m. Break-Out Session – Open Space Format

You are invited to visit each of the Topic Tables at your own pace. The following stations have been set-up to solicit your specific input and review of:

- Birds
- Invertebrates
- Reptiles and Amphibians
- 2015 RI WAP Process
- Fish
- Mammals
- Key Habitats/Mapping

PLEASE NOTE:

- ✓ We are interested in feedback within your field of expertise.
- ✓ Please review the draft SGCN and/or Key Habitats lists, and provide specific input to the representatives at the each table.
- ✓ Using the 2005 RI WAP SGCN and Key Habitats lists as a foundation, today's lists were updated by DEM staff, their partners, and a Technical Committee of various state taxa and habitat experts.
- ✓ Please make an effort to visit all tables, as your overall input is valuable to the process.

11:30 – 11:45 a.m. Next Steps

Wrap up of morning session and discussion of next steps.

12:00 – 12:45 p.m. Lunch and Learning Session

- Climate Change Presentation by Andrew Milliken, US Fish and Wildlife Service and North Atlantic Landscape Conservation Cooperative (LCC) Coordinator
- NE Synthesis Project Presentation by Steven Fuller, North Atlantic Landscape Conservation Cooperative (LCC) and WMI
- Follow-up questions and discussion

-- Thank you for your time and participation! It is greatly appreciated.--



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AFTERNOON

The afternoon session is for the SWAP Technical Committee to review the morning's input on species and habitat lists and further discuss threats and conservation actions.

- 1:00 – 1:30 p.m.** **Introduction to the goals of the afternoon SWAP Technical Committee session**
- 1:30 – 3:00 p.m.** **Technical Committee Taxa and Habitats/GIS Teams meet to refine/finalize SGCN and Key Habitat lists, and discuss Threats and Conservation Actions**
- 3:00 – 4:00 p.m.** **Group Discussion**
- Wrap-up and Next Steps**

-- Thank you for your time and participation! It is greatly appreciated.--